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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

**THE ENEMY'S IMPENDING
OFFENSIVE.**

**THE CROWN PRINCE'S
REVENGE.**

PARIS, Jan. 13.
The *Matin* publishes a statement
by an eminent neutral, who arrived
from Berlin on January 7, declaring
that the Germans will launch a
supreme offensive at Verdun, which
is intended to be the Crown Prince's
revenge, with big diversions in Italy
and in the direction of Calais, as
soon as the weather permits.

NIGHT PATROL ENCOUNTERS.

LONDON, Jan. 13.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—

There were night patrol encounters,
to the south-east of Arras.

THE WAR IN THE AIR.

LONDON, Jan. 13.
A French communiqué states:—

Between January 1st and 10th we
brought down fifteen enemy aero-
planes and the destruction of twelve
others is most probable, but has not
been confirmed.

**GERMAN PRISONERS REPARATED
FROM ENGLAND.**

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13.

Three Dutch ships with German
prisoners-of-war and civilians have
arrived at Rotterdam from England.
They include von Mueller, the Cap-
tain of the *Emden*, Wallis, the Cap-
tain of the *Blucher*, and a son of
Admiral von Tirpitz, and also many
infantry officers who were captured
in South West Africa.

The Germans acknowledged the
good tone which marked the British
conduct towards themselves.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

An Italian official message states:
The artillery was active in the
Asiago Plateau, to the eastward of
the Piave Vecchia.

The British batteries secured many
direct hits on hostile emplacements,
on the left bank of the Piave.

**ARAB OPERATIONS AGAINST
HEDJAZ RAILWAY.**

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Official confirmation has been
obtained of the success of the Arab
operations against the Hedjaz rail-
way, to the north of Mecca.

During the three days of the first
week in January, the Arabs took
possession of an important portion
of the line, wrecking and burning the
rolling-stock and damaging bridges.
The raiders retired with prisoners
and booty.

THE OPERATIONS IN EAST AFRICA.

**THE GERMAN FORCE THAT
ESCAPED.**

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13.

A semi-official telegram from
Berlin states that according to a
wireless message, 1,700 German and
9,000 native troops have escaped
into Portuguese territory from Ger-
man East Africa.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP "REWA".

NO MINES WERE HIT SHE WAS
SUNK.

REWA, a hospital ship, was sunk
by a mine off the coast of the
Gulf of Aden.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

A GERMAN PROTEST REPEATED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13.

A telegram from Brest-Litovsk,
received via Berlin, states that at
the plenary sitting on January 12,
General Hoffmann again protested
against the Russian wireless pro-
paganda because it transgressed the
terms of the armistice and is in-
tended to carry civil war and revolu-
tion into the Central Empires.

M. Trotsky replied that the am-
istice in no wise restricted the expres-
sion of Russian opinion.

Dr. Kuehlmann declared that non-
interference in Russian affairs was a
fixed principle of the German Govern-
ment which, however, demanded
complete reciprocity.

M. Trotsky replied that the Rus-
sian Government would regard it as
a step forward if Germany, freely
and frankly, expressed views regard-
ing the internal conditions of Russia.

**PACKING THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY.**

LONDON, Jan. 13.

A Russian official message states
that the Central Executive of the
Councils of Workmen and Soldiers
Delegates and the Peasants' Deputies
have issued a decree giving the local
Councils power to re-elect or to
recall members of the Constituent
Assembly in all cases where they do
not express the views of the labour-
ing masses.

FASTER.

A statement by the Maximalist
News Agency shows that the decree
of the Executive of the Council of
Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates
is intended to bring about the recall
or the re-election of all anti-
Maximalist of the Constituent
Assembly.

The News Agency states that the
Peasants' Congress of the Twelfth
Army has decided to recall the three
Social Revolutionaries of the Eight,
whom it elected.

A number of the Governments
have decided similarly.

NAVY ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

An All-Ukrainian Congress has
been summoned at Kiev for January
23, to discuss questions relating to
the Ukrainian Constituent Assembly
and reports of the Black Sea Fleet
to Ukraine. Also the reorganisation
of the Navy on a voluntary basis and
the organisation of Trade Unions.

THE ARGENTINE WHEAT CROP

PURCHASED BY THE ALLIES.

BOZOS, Aires, Jan. 13.

An important agreement has been
completed between the Argentine and
the representatives of the British and
French Governments regarding the
Allied purchase of the Argentine
wheat crop.

The Argentine will grant Great
Britain and France credit for £40,000,
to facilitate the purchase and to keep
the rate of exchange normal.

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SOLDIER BIRMINGHAM

A soldier from Birmingham, who
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been released and is now in the
hands of the British.



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 - (4) A Deposit must accompany each tender, the amount of which may be retained at this Office and Deposit will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.
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Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screen, Blackwood Furniture including Large 4-Fold Blackwood Screen with 4-Coloured Panels Side Tables, &c., Engravings, Pictures, &c., Tennis Poles and Net, Iron Safe, &c.
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Also
Carpets, Brass Fenders, a few lots Fire Brackets, &c.
Two PIANOS.
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Hongkong, Jan. 7, 1918.

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Comprising:—
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Hongkong, August 12, 1917.

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Hongkong, Jan. 7, 1918.

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RUSSIA.

A HOLY WAR AGAINST THE EUROPEAN BOURGEOIS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 11.

General Krylenko, the Bolshevik Commander-in-Chief, has issued a Manifesto depicting the Russian Republic as being surrounded by enemies on all sides.

The Manifesto contemplates a Holy War against the bourgeoisie of Russia, Germany, Britain and France, and for this purpose appeals for the creation of a new People's Army, which, it is declared, would be a counter-stroke to the German peace offensive.

The Manifesto alleges that Americans and Frenchmen are financing General Kaledin and states that a Holy War on the Fronts as well as behind the lines may be a terrible but unavoidable fate. Therefore, a new and well-armed force of resisters must be organized, the nucleus of which should be the Red Guards, because the old army is exhausted. The new People's Army must be subject to rigorous revolutionary discipline.

The Manifesto says:—Comrades! The people of Italy, Spain, France, Austria and Switzerland look to you with hope and await the call to battle against their bourgeoisie.

General Krylenko declares there will be no compulsion in recruiting the new Army.

The Manifesto concludes with a special appeal for the co-operation of their Ukrainian comrades.

IRONWORKS AND WORKSHOPS CONFISCATED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.

The People's Commissioners have confiscated the great Fushoff Ironworks at Petrograd following the indolence of the Company, also the motor workshops of the International Sleeping Car Company "owing to the refusal of the management to continue to work."

UKRAINIANS OCCUPY A TOWN.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.

It is reported that the Ukrainians have occupied Bohatch, in the Government of Chernigov, after a severe fighting.

COSSACK LEADERS DISAGREE.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.

The leaders of the Cossacks in the Don region are disagreeing. General Kaledin is supported by the majority of the troops and the educated classes. They are against intervening in Russian internal affairs, although they are ready to oppose Maximilianist aggression in the Don territory.

Generals Alexieff and Korniloff favour making the Don region a centre of campaign against the Bolsheviks, relying largely on the formation of an officers corps, comprising 25,000 bayonets.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

TO CONTINUE AT BREST-LITOVSK.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 12.

A message from Brest-Litovsk states that M. Trotsky said the Russians desire to continue the peace negotiations whether or not the Entente Powers participated. He disagreed with the difficulties urged by the Austrians and Germans regarding the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm, but said, as the Russian people desired a speedy peace, he consented, that the negotiations should continue at Brest-Litovsk in order to deprive the Quadruplex of any pretext for breaking off the negotiations on technical grounds.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 10.

Messrs Samuel, Montagu and Co.'s silver report says, the tone of the market has remained distinctly good. There has been a fair demand for trade purposes, and sufficient supplies have been forthcoming since the last few days when the price being affected.

The Shanghai exchange is firm at the official quotation of 4s. 6d. per tael. The Indian silver holding shows a decrease corresponding to the shrinkage of the note issue.

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FRENCH SOCIALISTS REFUSED PASSPORTS TO PETROGRAD.

PARIS, Jan. 12.

The Chamber, by 397 votes to 144, has passed a vote of confidence in the Government, following a debate on the diplomatic conduct of the war, in which M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reiterated the refusal of the Government to grant Socialist passports to Petrograd.

The Socialists again demanded passports to Petrograd and M. Albert Thomas also demanded a joint statement of the Allied war aims.

M. Pichon dwelt on the unanimity of the Allies' conduct of the war and unreservedly approved of the speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and of President Wilson.

Explaining why the passports were refused, M. Pichon recalled the Maximilianist repudiation of the Russian engagements and read a letter from M. Trotsky insulting the French Socialists. He said the Government had done the latter a service in refusing passports.

M. Pichon mentioned that France took the initiative in December, suggesting that the Allies make a joint declaration of the war aims, but it was considered preferable to make separate declarations. M. Pichon said it was bound to be disclosed that France, when he was Premier, confidentially communicated her war aims to President Wilson, who then asked Germany to avow hers.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We repulsed a raid southward of Arras and dispersed working parties south-eastward of Menin-le-Poix.

Hostile artillery was more active north-eastward of Ypres.

Our aeroplanes dropped two tons of bombs on an ammunition depot in the vicinity of Courtrai and on other targets.

ARTILLERY DUEL ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

A French communiqué states:—In the region of St. Quentin there was an intense artillery duel.

TRENCHES SUCCESSFULLY RAIDED.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We successfully carried out a raid, this morning, on trenches, to the eastward of Loos.

SPEECH BY MR. CHURCHILL.

GREATEST STORM OF ALL GATHERING.

LONDON, Jan. 11.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Minister of Munitions, in a speech at an American luncheon in the Savoy Hotel, said that the abyss between our war-aims and Prussia's ambitions could not be bridged at present. Germany still hoped for complete victory. We must raise our armies to their full strength. We must have food rations. Every ton of food saved meant a ton of shells fired. He had been compelled to reduce shell steel by hundreds of thousands of tons owing to lack of ship. Nevertheless, the Army in 1918 would have more powerful artillery and more shells than ever. We were able also to completely equip several hundred thousands of Americans. The Germans were bringing hundreds of thousands of troops and thousands of guns from the Eastern Front and the greatest storm of all was gathering, but we were preparing to receive them. The stories of Germans deserting by the hundred rather than face the furnace into which the ambitions of their War Lords seemed to hurl them was not surprising. He felt sure we would win outright if we used all our resources fully. (Cheers.)

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SHORT SEASON.

FAREWELL SEASON.

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THE SINKING OF THE REWA.

"MUST HAVE BEEN MINED."

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 12.

A semi-official message from Berlin states that the authorities are unable to make a definite statement as to the sinking of the *Rewa* as the submarine possibly concerned is still at sea, but competent quarters consider that it is impossible that the vessel was torpedoed, and that she must have been mined.

A NEW APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 11.

It is officially announced that Vice-Admiral Bacon has been appointed Controller of the Munitions Inventions Department, in succession to Colonel Gould Adams.

THE NEW ADMIRALTY BOARD.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Admiralty Board has been reconstituted.

The new members are Rear Admiral Sydney Fremantle M.V.O., Rear Admiral George Hope and the Rt. Hon. Mr. Arthur Pease, M.P.

Vice-Admiral Harry Oliver, C.B., and Rear-Admiral Godfrey Paine retire.

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THE SONGS OF THE SOLDIER.

[BY AN AMERICAN STUDENT.]

In the mine of folk-lore the American soldier in France is as yet not only not vocal, but hardly articulate. Most of the slang has been invented for him in other camps or back here, and like his countrymen "Sammy," he repudiates it with a breath. Mr. Haywood Brown recently wrote to the New York Tribune "to say that so far he has found our boys to have produced but one slang word—the clacker—what he calls the large copper 25-centime piece. Our popular songs, like "Over There," and "Good-by, Broadway," are written by our comedians. There has, however, arisen—a folk-song in the British Army, and it is safe to say that our boys will be no less musical or inventive. Meantime we look for the psychology of the fighting man in his hours of relaxation and excitement in a new English publication, "Tommy's Tunes," which is described as "A Comprehensive Collection of Soldiers' Songs, Marching Melodies, Rude Rhymes, and Popular Parodies, Composed, Collected, and Arranged on Active Service with the L.E.F. by P.T. Nettleingham, Second Lieutenant, R.F.C." These songs, as Mr. Solomon Eagle shows in "The New Statesman" (London), are of many kinds and from many sources. One, however, puzzles him, and among his guesses he overlooks the fact that the song in question might have come from Germany. At least it is from this song, "Green Grows the Grass," that the word "Gringo," applied to the American "doughboy" by the Mexican, is supposed to derive. We read—

"As the title suggests, Mr. Nettleingham has not specialized in any class of song. He gives not merely the songs which have come during the war from no one knows where and the burlesques of music-hall ditties and hymns, but a number of traditional songs and some compositions, largely drawn from the R.F.C., that are obviously the work of clever individuals. These are interesting as extras. So are the old songs, but not all those to which Mr. Nettleingham refers as ballads of the Old Army are peculiarly Army songs, and some are widely diffused among the population. Among those for which he makes no such claim is "The Green Grass Grew All Round." I suppose that collectors have printed it before. They may even have decided that it is an allegory, religious or otherwise, like "I Will Sing You One—O." But I have certainly never seen it in print before. Yet it is one of the most widely dispersed of our popular songs; whatever music-hall ballads come and go, this goes on, and you are liable to hear parties of youths singing it almost anywhere in the country. Several songs of this sort are given; but the greatest interest must lie in those queer, unique songs—whimsical, ironical, grumbling—which have come into being in the Army during the war, and many of which, in the true fashion of folk-poetry, exist in numerous versions.

The most famous of the latter, and the type of most of them, is said to be, "I want to Go Home." It expresses one thing that no British soldier denies even while he fights valiantly on his "utter fed-upness." I remember the first time I heard of it. A gunner officer (he is dead now) sent it to me, with the tone roughly jotted down. He said that his men would sing that melancholy tune very quietly and slowly when grooming their horses, and that he had never heard anything in his life which moved him more. The difference between various versions of it usually lies in the fourth line. Mr. Nettleingham gives "Where there are shells and Jack Johnsons galore." Of those I have heard, I think "For, oh, the Jack Johnsons, they make such a roar," sounds likelier to be general. Another song,

"We are Fred Karno's Army,
A jolly fine lot are we;
Fred Karno is our Captain
Charlie Chaplin our O.C.
And when we get to Berlin,
The Kaiser he will say:
Hoch! Hoch! Mein Gott!
What a jolly fine lot
Are the 2-4th R.E.T.
In most variations the second couplet is—

"We can not fight, we can not shoot,
What earthly use are we?
Or words to that effect.
The "Tarzanin Jacket," so familiar in college-songs, has been impressed by the girman and now expresses his dying request to his mechanic to "resemble the engine, the parts of which are embedded in various sections of his body. What Mr. Eagle calls "a less literary one" is thus suggested—

Oh, had I the wings of an Avro,
"Chorus" of an Avro.
Then far, far away I would soar,
"would soar."
Right off to my pals down in Holland,
"in Holland."
And rest there the rest of the war,
"the war."

Mr. Eagle closes with a contribution not in the book and a footnote on "Tipperary"—
One that reached me from a Fusilier, battalion the other day may or may not be a local adaptation of a song common to many regiments. It is a chorus, only to the tune of "Hold Your Hand Out, Naughty Boy," and runs:

Hold your head down, Fusilier,
Hold your head down, Fusilier,
There's a bloody great Hun
With a bloody great gun
Who'll shoot you:
There's a sniper up a tree
Waiting for you and me.
If you want to get back to your home any more.
Hold your head down, Fusilier,
It is sung in the London vernacular, and is certainly in the Flanders tradition.
It may be observed, by the way, that every soldier who has mentioned it to me has certainly said the same thing—that "Tipperary" was never Tommy's song. It merely happened that a "Daily Mail" correspondent heard a few troops of the Expeditionary Force singing it at Boulogne. It was a chance that he did not hear other troops singing something else. In the anthologist's opinion the most popular song in the Army is, beyond question, "Annie Laurie."

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5.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 22nd instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 5 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 23rd instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 5 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 24th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 5 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 10th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

Thursday, 11th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 5 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifle.

Friday, 12th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 10 and 11, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

SIGNALING SECTION.
Wednesday, 10th instant and Friday, 11th instant.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches. Sergeants, Edmonds and Meade will attend.

STRETCHER BEARER SECTION.
Tuesday, 11th instant.

5.15 p.m. Drill at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 12th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 13th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 14th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 15th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Saturday, 16th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Sunday, 17th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Monday, 18th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 19th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 20th instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 21st instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 22nd instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Saturday, 23rd instant.
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for men who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order.

5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches.

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I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour 10 cents
Half hour 20
One hour 35
Two hours 70
Three hours 1.00
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 3 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.
Hour 0.80 cent
Three hours 1.00
Six hours 1.50
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.
With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.
Quarter hour \$0.15 \$0.30
Half hour 0.30 0.60
One hour 0.50 0.90
Two hours 0.80 1.50
Three hours 1.00 1.80
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 1.50 2.00

RICKSHAS.
I.—In the Island of Hongkong engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes 5 cents
Quarter hour 10
Half hour 15
One hour 20
Every subsequent hour 20

Note.—If the rickshas be engaged within the City of Victoria and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m. or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.
Quarter hour 5 cents
Half hour 10
One hour 15
Every subsequent hour 10

III.—To Kowloon.
Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hire is for the journey to take longer than—

To 4th mile—
single 75 cents 1 hour.
return \$1.00 2 hours.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile—
single \$1.50 2 hours.
return \$2.00 4 hours.

Beyond 6th to 8th mile—
single \$1.75 2 hours.
return \$2.50 4 hours.

Beyond 8th to 11th mile—
single \$2.00 2 hours.
return \$3.00 4 hours.

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsing Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home 04 cents.
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital 04
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower 04
From Clock Tower to Bay View House 10
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay View House 08

II.—In the City of Victoria.
Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour 10 cents
Half hour 15
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 70
Five 85
Six 1.00
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.
Not exceeding per passenger.
One hour 25 cents
Two hours 40
Three 60
Four 80
Five 1.00
Six 1.20
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.
Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour 10 cents
Half hour 15
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 70
Five 85
Six 1.00
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 3 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 14th, 1918. No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has decreased slightly at Weihaiwei and has increased elsewhere; moderately over the China Coast and Formosa, and slightly over the Philippines. The anticyclone appears to have extended southwards.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches, against an average of 0.27 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 15th January—
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. and N.E. winds, fresh to fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of January 1918—

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Jan. 1st, 1918.	6.53 a.m.	8.11 p.m.
" 2nd, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 3rd, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 4th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 5th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 6th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 7th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 8th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 9th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 10th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 11th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 12th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
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" 14th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 15th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 16th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
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" 18th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 19th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 20th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 21st, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 22nd, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 23rd, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 24th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 25th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 26th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 27th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 28th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 29th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 30th, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "
" 31st, 1918.	6.53 "	8.11 "

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 14, 1918.

In London—
Bank, Wire 3/4
On demand 3/4
30 days sight 3/4
4 months sight 3/4
Credit, 4 months sight 3/4
Documentary, 4 months sight 3/4

In Paris—
On demand 4/10
Credit, 4 months sight 4/10

In New York—
On demand 72 1/2
Credit, 30 days sight 72 1/2

In Bombay—
Wire nom.
On demand nom.
On Calcutta nom.

In Singapore—
On demand 120 1/2
On Manila 145
On Shanghai nom.

On Hongkong—
On demand 140 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 42
Silver (per tael) 42
Chinese Copper Cash 2 1/2
Rate of Native Interest 7 1/2
Chinese Sub. Coin 7 1/2

Hongkong Sub. Coin par.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsing Sha Tsui during the years 1909-8.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Dock which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain a depth of water on the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamook Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 15th to 31st, 1918.

Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
Jan. 15	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 16	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 17	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 18	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 19	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 20	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 21	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 22	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 23	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 24	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 25	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 26	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 27	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 28	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 29	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 30	11.11	4.5	1.11
" 31	11.11	4.5	1.11

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SHARE REPORT.

JANUARY 14th, 1918.

Stock and paid up Value.	Options 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Approximate Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai \$195 \$590 h.		Interim of 23 3/4 s/o 1917.	6 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCE.			
Union \$50 \$290 h.		31 final making \$290 s/o 1915 and Interim of 23 3/4 s/o 1917.	7 1/2 p.c.
North China \$25 T. 118 h.		Int. div. of 18 1/2 % = 15/8 s/o 1915, \$4.33 per share s/o 1918.	6 1/2 p.c.
Union \$100 \$740 h.		Final of \$30 and bonus of \$10 s/o 1915 and Interim of \$30 s/o 1918.	7 1/2 p.c.
Yangtze \$60 \$200 ex. 73		\$15 making \$31 for 1915 and special of \$3 on account 1916	11 p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fire \$25 \$125 h.		31 and bonus \$2 for 1915.	7 p.c.
Hongkong Fire \$25 \$310		\$27 for 1915	8 1/2 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships \$50 \$72 1/2 h.		Final of \$3 s/o 1916-1917.	18 1/2 p.c.
Steamboats \$15 \$17 1/2 h.		\$1.25 for 1918	6 1/2 p.c.
Indo-China (Preferred) \$25 \$33 1/2 h.		Final of 3/4 s/o 1915.	6 p.c.
(Deferred) \$25 \$158 h.		Final of 40/100 s/o 1915.	19 p.c.
Shall Transport \$21 11 1/2		3/4 final making 7/10 s/o 1918 free of income tax coupon \$3	5 1/2 p.c.
Star Ferry \$10 \$33 1/2		\$1.60 div. and 30 cents to bonus for year ending 30-4-17.	7 1/2 p.c.
REFINERIES.			
Malaya Sugars \$100 \$90		\$12 for 1915	14 1/2 p.c.
Malayan Sugars P. 30 \$36 s.		P. 5 for 1916.	15 1/2 p.c.
MINING.			
Killiney \$21 38/6 h.		at div. of 1/4 free of income tax making 10 1/2 s/o 1916-1917 coupon No. 9	7 p.c.
Langkat \$10 T. 14 h.		Tk. 1 for 1916	8 1/2 p.c.
Langkat \$12.50 h.		1/4 interim making 4/10 s/o 1916	15 p.c.
French Mines \$130/10 s.		0 % for 1915	—
Central Caspian \$123/10 s.		0 % or 1916 & bonus \$2	10 p.c.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Wharves \$10 \$97 h.		Interim of \$2 s/o 1917.	9 1/2 p.c.
K. & Whampoa Docks \$1256		Tk. 9 for year ending 30-4-17	12 p.c.
Anglo Siam Docks \$10 T. 70 h.		\$3 s/o half year ended 30-6-17.	6 1/2 p.c.
HOTELS, LANDS AND BUILDINGS.			
Hongkong Hotels \$5 \$90 h.		\$7 s/o 1918.	7 1/2 p.c.
Central Estates \$10 \$90 h.		Interim of \$3 1/2 s/o 1917.	7 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Lands \$100 \$90		50 cents for 1916	8 1/2 p.c.
Amphreya Estate \$10 \$33 h.		\$2 for 1916	6 1/2 p.c.
Wharves \$10 \$30		Interim of \$3 s/o 1917.	7 1/2 p.c.
at Points \$10 \$31		6 1/2 final making 12 1/2 s/o 1916	7 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Lands T. 56 T. 73 s.			
COTTON MILLS.			
at T. 50 T. 170 s.		Tk. 20 for year ending 31-10-17.	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Cottons T. 50 T. 120		Tk. 6 div. s/o year ended 30-5-16.	6 p.c.
at T. 10 T. 16 s.		Tk. 2 for 1917	12 p.c.
at T. 5 T. 74			
at T. 44			
SPECIALS.			
at T. 12 \$7 1/2 h.		50 cts. for 1916.	9 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$43 1/2 h.		p.c. for year ending 31-10-17.	—
at T. 10 \$7.50 h.		50 cts. for 1916	9 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$30 h.		\$2 for year ending 31-10-17.	13 p.c.
at T. 12 \$7 1/2 h.		50 cents for 1916	11 p.c.
at T. 12 \$65 h.		\$2 s/o 1916/17 Bonus 75 cents	6 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$160 h.		\$2 interim s/o 1917.	7 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$29 1/2 h.		\$1 interim s/o 1917.	10 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$3.33 h.		Interim of 3 % s/o 1917.	8 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$10		\$1 s/o year 21-5-17.	18 p.c.
at T. 12 \$10 \$27 1/2 h.		7 % for 1916/1917	7 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$130 cents		55 cents for year 31-4-17.	11 1/2 p.c.
at T. 12 \$4 h.		2 1/2 % for 1916	20 p.c.
at T. 12 \$12		10 cents for 1916	10 p.c.
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